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Subject: RE: One more meeting

Dear Travis,

The EPA has received your request to schedule an additional hearing in August. We would like to thank you for your continued interest in the Portland Harbor cleanup.

As you are aware, over the past 6 months, we have offered numerous Informational Sessions at different locations in the greater Portland area prior to the release of the Proposed Plan, specifically designed to foster robust discussion and information sharing. After the Proposed Plan was released, the EPA scheduled, publicized and promoted four (4) Portland Harbor Proposed Plan meetings. At each, EPA Portland Harbor Team managers, scientists and staff have been available for 7 hours per meeting to explain the Proposed Plan and answer technical questions. At each of these four meetings, two Proposed Plan presentations were delivered for those attending.

Based on real-time feedback received from various entities, EPA modified the format for our July 20th public meeting to have the EPA presentation and public comment held in the same room to allow for the public to make comments in front of an audience that included EPA managers and staff and the general public. We also continued to offer use the private oral comment room throughout the day.

While there were many opportunities for diverse communities to engage during the comment period, and despite repeated, focused efforts to publicize and communicate with organizations like yours about those opportunities, we hoped there would have been broader turnout to our Public Comment meetings. At this time, the EPA does not plan on scheduling additional public meetings. We encourage you and everyone wishing to comment on the Proposed Plan to submit your comments either in writing or by e-mail by the September 6, 2016 public comment deadline. Community input is a very important part of the cleanup planning process and we value public comments on the Proposed Plan. All forms of comment (written, e-mailed and spoken) are treated equally and will receive a written response when the Record of Decision is signed.

Sincerely,

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Cami, Sheila, and Davis -

Thanks for the changed format for the meeting this week. It was helpful. In just a handful of days we were able to get a lot of people in the room.

I think we need another shorter overall hearing at the end of August, perhaps the 31st. I don't think EPA needs as many staff, and it could be a 6-9pm session. I think we should have a shorter summary, followed by comments.

With a month of lead time we can get a lot of people in that room. I think the last meeting had about 120 when I was there and counted people in the seats.

Let me know if this is something EPA will do. As a final closure to the Public Comment on the Draft Plan, to me it makes sense to make that happen one more time.

Thanks for your consideration.

Travis

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